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1. The commandant of the Police Corps on Ambon is H. N. H. Slangen, 1st Class Police Commissioner. He is competent and well-educated, having a Master of Science degree. There are five men attached to the Vreemderingen Inlichtingen Dienst (VID) in Amboina.
2. In the office of the Kepala Daerah there is a Dutch and English speaking local-born Arab clerk, A. S. Basulana, who is a good informant on various events in Southern Moluccas.
3. The new tribal head of the Aroe Islands is Mohammed Halai.
4. The Regent of Ceram Island, Mrs. Mariam Leslain, of Serinama, South-eastern Ceram, has resigned her post.
5. The influence of Arnold Mononutu is not strong in Ambon and Ceram. His party occupies only one of the seven seats on the town council of Amboina.
6. The Navigation Service maintains two ships with regular schedules between Leksula, Namlea, Piru, Saparua, Ambon, and Amahai. The S.S. BOUTH of the Koninklijk Paketvaart Maatschappij (KPM) connects Kai (Ewab) Islands, Aru Islands, and Banda.

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